



# Church of Saint Ann

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## BAPTISMS:

Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

## MARRIAGES

Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE & INSERTS

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 2pm on the Monday prior to the weekend you would like it published.

Also, please contact the office to obtain permission to insert fliers into the weekly bulletin.



## MASS SCHEDULE:

### Monday - Friday:

9:00 am

### Sunday Vigil (Saturday):

4:00 pm

### Sunday:

7:30, 9:30 and 11:00am

### First Friday:

9:00 am

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: after 4pm Mass

First Friday: Before 9:00 AM Mass

Other times by appointment

## DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.

9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

# MASS INTENTIONS



## Fifth Sunday of Lent

**MONDAY, April 4**

**9:00 Special Intentions**

**TUESDAY, April 5**

**9:00 Frank & Angie Scalzo, requested by  
The Pizutti Family**

**WEDNESDAY, April 6**

**9:00 Special Intentions**

**THURSDAY, April 7**

**9:00 Special Intentions**

**FRIDAY, April 8**

**9:00 For the deceased members of the  
Kondzielaski Family, requested by  
Ron and Dorothy Miller**

**SATURDAY, April 9**

**4:00 Special Intentions**

**SUNDAY, April 10**

**7:30 Caterina Ciranni, requested by the Ligato Family**

**9:30 Robert Ciocek, requested by Dr. Mary Simon**

**11:00 Ryan Rogers, requested by the family**

*To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email  
Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or  
kris.martino@stannavon.com.*

# WELCOME!



*If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with our office manager. You may call 860-673-9858 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### MONDAY, April 4

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am in the church  
**Lenten Confessions** (this is an additional confession time during Lent): 6-7pm  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group:** 7:15pm, in church (all are welcome!)  
**Lent Series Small Group:** 7:15pm in Room 3 & via Zoom

### TUESDAY, April 5

### WEDNESDAY, April 6

**Confessions of St. Augustine:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**"Keeping in Balance" Women's Study:** 7pm in Activity Room

### THURSDAY, April 7

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church  
**"Matthew" Bible Study:** 7pm in the Room 3 and via Zoom  
**Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2  
**Adult Confirmation Preparation:** 7:15pm in Room 1

### FRIDAY, April 8

**Lent Series Small Group:** 9:45am via Zoom  
**Stations of the Cross:** 7pm

### SATURDAY, April 9

**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8:00 am in Room 3

### SUNDAY, April 10

**Lent Series Small Group:** 10:30am via Zoom



I am delighted to announce that Bill and Janet Newman have received the St. Joseph Medal for their faithful and dedicated service to the Parish of St. Ann. The medal was presented to them by Archbishop Blair at an Archdiocesan ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Sunday, March 19th. We thank them for their years of dedicated service to their parish family of St. Ann. -Fr. McHugh

## Annual Easter Plant Sale

Help us decorate the altar for Easter by purchasing an Easter plant in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. Plants are \$10 each.

**April 2/3, 2022 (this is last weekend of the sale)  
after all Masses in the Gathering Space**

On our website you can ([stannavon.org/easter-plant-sale](http://stannavon.org/easter-plant-sale)):

- download order form
- order and pay online with credit card or bank account.  
(This is a singular form/payment, no need to sign up for Online Giving.)

**NOTE:** Forms must be received no later than Thursday, April 7th for your loved ones' names to be included in the Easter bulletin.





## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**Weekly Collection for 3/27/22:** \$6,560.00

**Online Giving (March 23-30, 2022):** \$2,798.50

**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:** none

## WALK WITH JESUS THIS LENT



Lent is a time to grow in our relationship with God and others, a process that can be so engaging when done with friends.

Join a Small Group for our Lenten Reflection Series based on the new video program on FORMED.org, "Into His Likeness"

Parish-based groups will meet from March 4 - April 11:

Sundays at 10:30am

Mondays at 7:15pm

Fridays at 9:45

Newcomers welcome! Cost: \$15

Register with Ann: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com)

Or, form your own Small Group with friends, and meet at your convenience.  
Contact Ann (above) for materials and support.

## 2 0 2 2 CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

During this Lenten season, our Parish family Lenten commitment is to practice the corporal works of mercy, both individually and as a community. Donations should be placed in the labelled boxes in the Gathering Space. Anything you can donate is appreciated!

THIS WEEKEND: APRIL 2/3

### Visit Those in Prison

Donations collected for *Word Among Us* to be distributed to prisoners

NEXT WEEKEND: APRIL 9/10

### Bury the Dead

Reach out to family, friends, and neighbors who have lost a loved one, particularly a spouse.

Also, **EASTER FOOD BASKET** collection! See flyer in this weekend's bulletin.



## Vacation Bible Camp

**June 20-23, 2022**

**9:30am - 12:30pm**

### CAMPER SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!

Our theme this year is: Rocky Railway, Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through! All aboard for summer fun! Expect 4 days of amazing fun: art, science, faith discoveries and memorable music! **Online registration at [www.stannavon.org/bible-camp](http://www.stannavon.org/bible-camp)**. Campers are students entering pre-k through Grade 5 in September 2022.

**Fee: \$75 per camper**



## Join One of Our New Faith Studies (First-timers welcome!)

**"Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother"**  
video series by Dr. Ted Sri

Explore the Biblical roots of our beliefs about

Mary the Mother of Jesus; filmed in the Holy Land.

Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (4/20: Activity Rm)

April 20-June 8

Fee: \$28

RSVP by April 14 to Eileen - [ecdimauro@yahoo.com](mailto:ecdimauro@yahoo.com)

or Sue Ollestad (860)424-7637

**"Reaching Out" by Henri Nouwen, Book Study**

In this perfect book for our times, see how understanding our struggles helps us to love God, self and others better.

Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am in Room 3

April 28-May 19

Fee: \$15 (books provided)

Leader: Terry Pendergast, [terry@frankpendergastinc.com](mailto:terry@frankpendergastinc.com)

RSVP by April 21 to: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com)

## The Francine M. Sider Memorial Scholarship

Fr. McHugh is delighted to announce the Francine M. Sider Memorial Scholarship which is available to St. Ann 8th Graders that will be entering a Catholic high school in Fall 2022.

The application is available on our webpage under the "Resources" tab. You can also stop by or call the Parish Office for a copy.

**DEADLINE: April 25, 2022!**

If you have any questions please contact  
Jane Ellen Peregrin at: [jep325@hotmail.com](mailto:jep325@hotmail.com).

## WHISKEY, WINE & CHEESE

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## St. Ann Cares Day of Caring May 14, 2022

St Ann Cares is back! Save the date.  
We will be having our Day of Caring on  
Saturday, May 14th. We will be doing  
the usual painting, carpentry, and  
landscaping. All skill levels are needed.  
We will be having sign ups in the  
coming weeks.

Contact Steve Rose with any questions  
at [sjrose1088@gmail.com](mailto:sjrose1088@gmail.com)  
or 860-250-5355.

Sign Up to Volunteer  
in the Gathering Space  
after all Masses  
April 9/10, 2022



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

"I so ardently thirst to be loved by men in the Most Blessed Sacrament that this thirst devours Me." These are the words that Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. He then revealed to her His Heart, which was crowned with thorns. He explained to her that His enemies had placed this crown upon His head. But men had placed this crown on His Heart.

Reflection: In today's Gospel we have the story of the woman caught in adultery. (John 8:1-11) We see how deeply Christ thirsts for the soul of the woman to come to know Him as her merciful and forgiving Lord. As we continue our Lenten journey, reflect on the insight of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She said that the words, "I thirst," which Jesus uttered on the Cross, indicated His thirst for the love of mankind. When we receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, do we quench Our Lord's thirst by our adoration, thanksgiving and love? Are we receptive of His intimate Divine Presence within us?

## Cemetery Cleanup

Please remove any  
Christmas/winter  
decorations by  
April 4th in  
preparation for the  
Spring cleanup.



Dear Parishioners,

This year there will be 45 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They will be receiving their First Reconciliation on April 24, 2021, and are preparing for reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the Spring. We will be putting out the "Little Lambs" in the near future so that you can pray for all candidates as they prepare for their sacrament.

Due to ongoing positive response, we would like to continue to gift each child with a First Communion Bible. We are asking that you sponsor any child or children, with this gift anonymously and it will be presented to them on their First Communion Day. In return, we will be asking the children to pray for the person who gave it to them *every time they read their Bible*.

The Bibles are reasonably priced and if you are interested in being part of this beautiful event, please pick up a form in the Gathering Space and return it with your payment of \$15.00 per Bible (made out to Church of St. Ann). Please mail to the church in an envelope clearly marked "for First Communion Bible" or drop it off at the Parish Offices. How pleased Jesus must be to know that both the children of this year's First Eucharist class and the adults of our Parish are praying for each other!

Thank you so much for your consideration and for your prayerful support of these beautiful children!

Yours in Christ, Father McHugh





## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Make a Way

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of April 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11  
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56  
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Is 43:19)

### Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

### Second Reading:

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things (Phil 3:8)

### Gospel:

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (Jn 8:7)

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## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Mercy makes us attentive to the voice of truth. We do not know what ever happened to the woman caught in adultery, after her encounter with Jesus. It is hoped that she found what she needed to feel true sorrow. What we do know is that through his gentle and wise persuasiveness, Jesus puts the Pharisees in their place and opens the door to grace for this child of God. Being exploited and used to test and discredit Jesus, she who is publicly known to be a sinner is now the victim. Jesus never tolerates people being used and immediately rushes to her defense. As the author of mercy, Jesus became her advocate and opened the door for her to God's love. Jesus also stands between us and the harsh, judgmental, and often hurtful stance of our world. He invites us to grace, to leave the sin that binds us, and for which we are often criticized, and pursue a life of virtue and freedom.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

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## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### Leading on Climate: Religious Communities United on Climate Justice

On April 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 -8:30pm via Zoom.

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford, in collaboration with interfaith partners, will offer an interfaith panel presentation. Teresa Eickel, from the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network will moderate the panel of representatives from the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities. Learn how the different faiths each call us to respond to the climate crisis. The program is free of charge and all are welcome. Registration is required and available at:  
<https://bit.ly/LeadingOnClimateWebinar2022>

### It's That Time of Year Again...

If you are a registered parishioner using envelopes or online giving, and would like a copy of our records of your weekly envelope contributions, please e-mail Kris in the Parish Office: [kris.martino@stannavon.com](mailto:kris.martino@stannavon.com) or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221. Note: Contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are mailed separately from the Archdiocese.



“May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.”

- POPE FRANCIS



It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2022 Appeal literature! Organizations such as the Avon Food Pantry right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) to learn more and make your gift today.

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